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House Concurrent Resolution

A concurrent resolution ratifying the proposed amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to equal rights for men and women.

WHEREAS, three years after women won the right to vote, the Equal Rights Amendment to the United States Constitution, authored by Alice Paul, head of the National Women's Party, was introduced in Congress by Senator Curtis and Representative Anthony, both Republicans, and

WHEREAS, on March 22, 1972, the proposed Amendment to the United States Constitution was sent to the States for ratification, and

WHEREAS, the Equal Rights Amendment to the United States Constitution states:

"SECTION 1. Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex.

SECTION 2. The Congress shall have the power to enforce, by appropriate legislation, the provisions of this article.

SECTION 3. This amendment shall take effect two years after the date of ratification.", and

WHEREAS, Congress placed a deadline of June 30, 1982, on the ratification process and thirty-five states ratified the proposed Amendment before the deadline, and

WHEREAS, Congress may not have the constitutional authority to place a deadline on the ratification process, and

WHEREAS, Article V of the United States Constitution allows the Legislature of the State of Florida to ratify this proposed Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, and



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31 WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of Florida finds that
 32 the proposed Amendment is meaningful and needed as part of the
 33 United States Constitution and that the present political,
 34 social, and economic conditions are the same or are even more
 35 demanding as when the proposed Amendment was first submitted for
 36 adoption, NOW, THEREFORE,

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 38 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
 39 Florida, the Senate Concurring:

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 41 That the proposed amendment set forth below to the
 42 Constitution of the United States is ratified by the Legislature
 43 of the State of Florida:

44 "Article ____

45 SECTION 1. Equality of rights under the law shall not be
 46 denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on
 47 account of sex.

48 SECTION 2. The Congress shall have the power to enforce,
 49 by appropriate legislation, the provisions of this article.

50 SECTION 3. This amendment shall take effect two years
 51 after the date of ratification."

52 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that certified copies of the
 53 foregoing preamble and resolution be immediately forwarded by
 54 the Secretary of State of the State of Florida, under the great
 55 seal, to the President of the United States, the Secretary of
 56 State of the United States, the President of the Senate of the
 57 United States, the Speaker of the House of Representatives of
 58 the United States, and the Administrator of General Services of
 59 the United States.

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